

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1590

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, OAU, ET, SO  
SUBJ: OFFICIAL LEVEL SOMALI INTEREST IN THE OBSERVER CONCEPT

REFS: A) MOGADISCIO 1565; B) ADDIS ABABA 3050

1. DURING A JULY 12 CALL ON MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL MOHAMED SHERIF BY AF/E DIRECTOR DESIGNATE GORDON BEYER AND CHARGE, THE SOMALI DIPLOMAT EVIDENCED MORE INTEREST IN THE POSSIBILITY OF INTRODUCING THIRD COUNTRY OBSERVERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ETHIOPIAN SOMALI BORDER THAN HE HAD EARLIER SHOWN. ASIAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR FUDUMA ISAK BIHI WHO SAT IN CLAIMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMLI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GSDR) HAD ADVOCATED OBSERVER TEAMS TO KEEP THE PEACE IN THE DISPUTED AREAS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WHEN THE CONVENTIONAL WAR WAS WINDING DOWN LAST SPRING. SHERIF CONCLUDED THE DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT BY SAYING THAT ANY SERIOUS PROPOSAL INTRODUCED ALONG THESE LINES WOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY THE GSDR.

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2. COMMENT: NEITHER SHERIF OR FADUMA ARE DECISION MAKERS IN ANY SENSE OF THE WORD. THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE OBSERVER CONCEPT WAS QUALIFIED, BUT THEY DID NOT DISMISS THE SUBJECT OUT OF HAND. CHARGE HAD DISCUSSED IT WITH SHERIF ON AT LEAST TWO PREVIOUS OCCASIONS WHEN HE WAS DECIDEDLY LESS ENTHUSIASTIC THAN ON THE 12TH. WE APPRECIATE THE RATIONALE IN ADDIS ABABA 3050 WHICH ARRIVED AS THIS MESSAGE WAS BEING COMPLETED, BUT WE STILL

BELIEVE THE OBSERVER CONCEPT COULD BE AN INITIAL BUILDING  
BLOCK IN A SETTLEMENT. IF THE CONCEPT CAN BE PRESENTED AS AN AFRICAN  
PROPOSAL OR PART OF AN AFRICAN MEDIATION EFFORT, SO MUCH THE BETTER.  
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